

## **IOWA STATE COMMODITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

The Iowa State Commodity Advisory Council met at the Crown Point Center in Johnston, Iowa on Friday, October 6, 2006. Dean Flaws called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Council members attending were: Dean Flaws, Ann Lehman, Joyce Flink, Lisa Emerson, Dalieth Johnston, Sherry Kaiser, Jeff Reeves, Andrea McRell, Nancy Michels, and LaRae Doll. Rich Luze was not present.

### **Presentations:**

1. Gary Downey, Hedding Brokerage – Smucker's Uncrustables
2. Joe DeAntoni, Golden Valley Management-- Pierce Chicken, PPI Individual Dressing Packets.

### **Business Items:**

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes from February 24, 2006. Minutes were approved as read and seconded.
3. Dean asked for nominations for Chairmen and Recorder. Jeff Reeves and Lisa Emerson were nominated and accepted as Co-Chairs. Ann Lehman was nominated and accepted as Recorder.
4. Information sheets updated.
5. Vouchers and claim sheets completed and collected. Dean noted a correction in reimbursement price for hotels. It is now \$78.00.
6. Date for spring meeting will be February 9, 2006 at the Crown Point Center in Johnston.
7. Bid meeting date will be April 13, 2007 at Des Moines Public Schools Main Kitchen. Dean will check to see if we can move the meeting time to 10:00 a.m.
8. Dean passed out several handouts for discussion items.

The committee decided to skip lunch and proceed with the meeting.

### **Discussion Items:**

1. Addendum to agenda – 2 items added.
  - Commodity Complaints
  - E-mail availability/concerns
2. Commodity Complaints: Dean received a complaint on the chicken patties concerning the lack of uniformity and the change in CN label from 2 M/MA and 1 bread to just 2 M/MA. Council members agreed that the patties are less uniform but that the kids seem to like them and they contain less sodium, fat, and are more price effective than the old patties. Council members will check on the CN label.
3. Processed Presentations Discussion:
  - a. Smuckers: Members did not like Grilled Cheese Uncrustables. Add PB/Honey on Wheat Uncrustables to bid for next year.
  - b. PPI dressings: No interest at this time.

- c. Chicken O's: Good product. Decided to add to bid for next year.
- 4. ICN –“Commodity Ordering over WEB”: Dean reported that just over 90% of districts are using the internet for commodity ordering. Council members questioned the need to mail hard copies to those 90% of districts. Dean stated it will still be done at this time. Internet ordering may become mandatory for all districts in the near future.
- 5. SNAI dates at Dubuque: The SNAI conference will be held June 19-20 at the Grand River Conference Center in Dubuque.
- 6. October Commodity newsletter issues/information: Dean will send out the letter next week. Some items in the newsletter include: 7C for December delivery will be on the web next week. There is an increase in entitlement from .1675 to .1852. The marinara sauce had a labeling error. It should read 2 oz instead of 1.5 oz. Dean will remind districts to sign warehouse release for audit purposes. Cost of split shipments has increased from \$39.00 to \$40.50 for in-town deliveries and \$65.00 to \$67.50 for out-of-town deliveries. There was a question whether turkey would be available before the holidays. Only a few school districts will receive turkey before the holidays.
- 7. Deliveries Current Status: Deliveries for 7B should be done by the end of October. 7C deliveries will be made from mid-November to mid-December.
- 8. Commodity Show with SNAI: Dean stated that commodity door prizes for the SNAI show will no longer be paid for by the state unless it is used each year and not offered as a door prize. Nancy volunteered to check out other possible donated options and we will revisit the issue in February.
- 9. HAACP from Keck: The HAACP letter from Keck was sent to all districts in August. Additional copies are available from Dean or Mary Jo in the Des Moines office.
- 10. Delivery orders stacked too high: Dean asked the committee to be watchful as there have been numerous complaints.
- 11. Advisory Council sub-committee on NOI: LaRae Doll and Jeff Reeves volunteered to be on the sub-committee. The next meeting is October 30, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. at the Landmark Restaurant by Williamsburg Mall. Suzy Ketelsen, Kala Constant, and Terri Denkman are the other members.
- 12. Discuss 7-year commodity purchases: The hand-out was reviewed for the benefit of new council members.
- 13. Turkey crumbles, shelf stable juices: We will continue to pursue who the processors are and what products they produce with commodity foods.

14. Miscellaneous:

1. Products up for bid that can be extended to a five year contract:
  - a. Chicken nuggets – extend
  - b. Smuckers – extend PB&J. Dean will try to get samples of other grilled cheese products in February.
  - c. Mrs. Clarks – extend.
  - d. Pierre beef crumbles –extend.
  - e. Tyson tenders– extend.

15. Recap: At the February meeting we will have samples of grilled cheese from different vendors and samples of shelf stable juices. In April we will bid on PB Honey on Wheat Uncrustables, Chicken O rings, and shelf stable juices.

There being no further business, Jeff and Lisa moved to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. All members approved.

Submitted by:

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